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25X1X 1. The Yugoslavs have assembled in a training and labor camp 3800 Albanians from the regions of Mirdite, Malsis se madhe, Shkoder, Kukes and Dibra. These men, whom source reported as not fit for arms, are divided into brigades of 200 persons each.

Albanians from the regions of Malsis se madhe and Shkoder are headed by Nik Sokolli,* and those from Kukes by Lutfi Spahiu.**

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25X1A Comment: Information dated 7 December 1949 stated that Sokolli was believed to be an intermediary between resistance leader Mark Tinxhe and the Yugoslav authorities. In early February 1950 it was reported that a secret meeting had taken place near the Yugoslav border between Abedin Shehu and Sokolli, who was described as commandant of the "mysterious KZ Brigade" which had been formed in Yugoslavia of anti-Hoxha Communist Albanians. On the basis of recent correspondence from an Albanian emigre leader in Yugoslavia, it would appear that Sokolli is regarded by the Yugoslavs as the principal Albanian leader in that country and has been charged with the organizing of Albanian refugees in para-military formations for action in Albania.

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** Comment: In 1949 Spahiu was an acknowledged leader of Albanian leaders in Yugoslavia, but information on his current activities has been lacking. A possible reference to Spahiu is contained in a, paragraph 2.

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